

**ALTERNATIVE NETWORK SELECTION FOR  
A COMMUNICATION DEVICE**

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**ABSTRACT**

Methods (200) and apparatus (700) for providing an access to a first communication network (102) through a second communication network (106) by a communication device (108) are disclosed. The communication device (108) having  
10 a first identification and supporting a cellular core network signaling protocol of the first communication network (102), upon entering the second communication network, is assigned a second identification by the second communication network (106). The communication device (108) communicates with the first communication network (102) through an alternative network controller (104) utilizing the second  
15 communication network (106). Method (500) for providing an access to a preferred communication network out of a plurality of communication networks based upon a predetermined condition is also provided.